

Senate Resolution 179

By: Senator Karinshak of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Susan B. Anthony on her birthday for her tireless advocacy and abiding service on
2 behalf of women's suffrage and other women's issues; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Susan B. Anthony was a pivotal figure in the women's suffrage movement and
4 the abolitionist movement whose legacy continues to inspire us today; and

5 WHEREAS, she was born on February 15, 1820, to a family of activists and spent her life
6 organizing for women's causes; and

7 WHEREAS, in the 1850s, she advocated vehemently for women's rights in the workplace,
8 speaking at state teachers' conventions, working with fellow activists like Elizabeth Cady
9 Stanton, and demanding equal pay for equal work; and

10 WHEREAS, she also collected petitions in support of the abolition of slavery and helped
11 slaves seeking freedom through the Underground Railroad; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1856, she became a New York State agent for the American Anti-Slavery
13 Society; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1863, she and Stanton organized the Women's Loyal National League to
15 support an amendment in the United States Constitution abolishing slavery, providing broad
16 grassroots support for the Thirteenth Amendment of the Constitution; and

17 WHEREAS, in a historic act of nonviolent protest, Anthony was convicted and fined for
18 voting in Rochester, New York, in 1872; and

19 WHEREAS, she and other suffragettes are widely recognized for making possible the 1920
20 ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment, which prohibits the government from denying
21 citizens the right to vote on the basis of sex; and

22 WHEREAS, Susan B. Anthony embodies a spirit of unwavering advocacy for a higher
23 purpose that everyone in public service ought to strive for and recognize.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 honor Susan B. Anthony on her birthday and continue to draw inspiration from her activism
26 and values.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
29 press.